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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/532,704; Filing Date: May 2, 2006
For: **Fluid-Assisted Electrosurgical Scissors and Methods**
Inventors: MCCLURKEN *et al.*
Our Ref: 2999.0070001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$65.00 to cover:
\$65.00 Extension of Time Fee (1 month) for Small Entity;
2. Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c);
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
4. A copy of an executed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b);
5. A copy of an executed Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO; and
6. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

Applicants claim small entity status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27).

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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